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**Inter-American Convention for the  
Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles  
Third Conference of the Parties**

*September 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Mazatlán, México*

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**COP3/2006/R-3**

**Consideration of a Permanent Secretariat of the IAC**

**CONSIDERING** that article VI of the Convention agrees on the establishment of a Secretariat;

**RECOGNIZING** that one of the points of the agenda of the third Conference of the Contracting Parties includes the Establishment of a permanent Secretariat;

**TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION** the offer from the Government of Costa Rica, on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment and Energy, to have the office of the permanent Secretariat in the city of San José.

**CONSIDERING** the expressions of the Parties and the fact that it was not possible to analyze the proposed resolution, due to the times established in the rules of procedure as well as to the financial implications of deciding on the establishment of a permanent Secretariat.

**THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLES RESOLVES TO:**

**THANK** the Government of Costa Rica for the offer to host the office of the permanent Secretariat and express, in principle, its welcome of this initiative.

**ANALYZE** the issue in the next Conference of the Parties, either in ordinary or extraordinary session, in conjunction with the results of the Working Group on the terms of reference for the establishment of a Permanent Secretariat, as well as the Working Group on financial aspects and related topics.

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